

TO PAY THE PIPER.

The State of Allegheny Must
Furnish a Round \$15,000

FOR A PROHIBITION DANCE.

Our County Commissioners Now See
No Other Way Out of It.

A BREWER'S AGENT GETS ANGRY.

And Tells of Half a Million of Improvements
Knocked in the Head.

EVERYTHING SORT OF HANGING FIRE.

A new phase of the special election to be held in June was developed yesterday in the County Commissioners' office.

The question of how much the election would cost, and who would bear the expense was brought up. After much discussion among the clerks of the office the sentiment was that the election would cost over \$15,000, and the county would have to stand the expense.

A great many people in this city have thought that the State would pay the expense of the election. This is incorrect. Unless some special legislation is enacted between now and the time for holding the election, the only thing the State will pay for will be the printing and furnishing the tickets. Each county will have to bear its own share of the expense of the election, and in proportion to the number of polling places in each county, so great will be the cost. The expense of each polling precinct will be about \$30.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY MUST PAY. A DISPATCH reporter interviewed County Commissioner McWilliams yesterday afternoon, in regard to the election. To the question of who would bear the expense Mr. McWilliams said:

"Of course the county will have to pay for nearly everything, and the cost will be considerable. The expense of each polling precinct are divided as follows: Judge of Election, who is paid \$5 per day, two inspectors at \$5 each, two clerks at the same rate of place used for holding the election from \$2 to \$10. This must be paid when the polling place is not in a schoolhouse, putting in a new window, steps, etc., about \$5. Stationery about \$2.30. The latter includes return sheets, copy of election laws, reports, pens, etc. All this expense is in addition to the Constable's fee of \$2.50 for opening and closing the polls."

"It is a question whether we will have to provide new ballot boxes or not for the election. The law says that a ballot box cannot be used for another election until the year following the last election. The ballot boxes we are using now are divided into compartments, and if we cannot do this we will have to order new boxes at a cost of several dollars each."

"There are 367 polling places in the county, and it is necessary to get 367 ballot boxes, they will cost over \$500. As there are 367 polling places, and the cost of each one about \$5, the expense will be nearly \$1,800."

JUST A ROUND \$15,000. The incident, including the printing of the Sheriff's proclamation, will, foot up about \$2,000 more."

"I do not know what provision will be made to pay the expense of the election. We have not received any appropriation to cover it, and it is not at all likely that the State will offer much assistance. The expense of the election in Allegheny and Allegheny may be borne by the cities themselves, but it is not likely."

John J. O'Reilly, dealer in brewer's supplies, was interviewed yesterday. Mr. O'Reilly comes into personal contact with every brewer in the city almost every week, and when asked what the latter were doing about the election he said:

"The brewers of Pittsburgh and Allegheny have hardly done anything yet, but you can just assure that they are all working hard under their feet. I have noticed that there is one thing that has not been brought out yet in the talk going on. I refer to the vast improvements which will be contemplated by the brewers of the two cities, but which will be knocked in the head if the prohibitory law passes. It provides that there is not a shadow of a doubt that the amendment will be defeated, but in case it does pass, it will be a hard blow to the industries of Pittsburgh."

KNOCKED IN THE HEAD.

"The improvements that were contemplated by the brewers would aggregate about \$500,000. I am not making an idle bluff but can give you a list of the things that will be knocked in the head if the prohibitory law passes. I know of the following arrangements that have been made: The Allegheny and Allegheny are going to build a new elevator for the storage of malt. Spencer was working on the plans for new brick stables, ice machine, etc. Stank & Co. were going to put in a new ice machine, and increase their storage capacity for beer. The Keystone Brewing Company talked of building a new malt house and enlarging their capacity. Winter Brothers were also going to build additional storage capacity. Eberhart & Ober had plans for new fine offices, residence for their foreman, and a bottling house across from their brewery. Lutz & Son were going to enlarge their malt house."

BUT THEY GAVE IT UP. Hippely & Hopp had in contemplation making an addition to their storehouse, and were going to put in a new mill. Baurlein Brothers & Co. were going to increase the capacity of their malt house, and have made an offer of \$7,000,000 to increase their storage capacity. These are the only ones I know of. The brewers are all the time adding improvements, but if the law is passed they are going to make an extra stop."

"There is a syndicate that stands ready to-day to buy all the breweries in the county, and have made an offer of \$7,000,000. This also includes the outside interests. They would make an agreement that no foreign beer be shipped here. I have figured it up that the breweries employ about 2,000 men. The hoop iron mills are dependent on the brewers and cooper for the sale of their iron. Nearly all the hoop iron turned out of Painter & Sons and Lindsay & McCulloch's mills, is used on Pittsburgh beer barrels and kegs."

Prohibitionists Active. Mrs. Frances L. Seaver, of Philadelphia last evening to attend a meeting of the State Prohibition Committee. The object of the meeting is to select an executive committee. Mrs. Swift is confident of success.

A VERITABLE YUM YUM.

A Little Japanese Lady Brought From Far-Off Japan—Queer Customs of the Country Told by a Pittsburgher.

Some very unique and interesting points from the far-off land of the Mikado are given by a gentleman of this city, who brought with him from Japan a real, live, cunning little Japanese lady. She is here to learn something of the language and ways of a people that are very queer to her.

Mr. L. Davis, of Fifth avenue, returned Wednesday from Japan, where he has been since last August.

The gentleman has very much enjoyed his trip, and he can tell about many interesting things he has seen in that sunny land.

He brought with him his daughter, Miss Annie K. Davis, who has been a teacher at one of the principal schools in Tokyo, and also a Japanese lady, the wife of Captain N. Serata, the commander of the Japanese Navy. The lady will probably stay here for several years.

Her husband has lately been sent to China as an attaché of the Japanese legation, and while he will remain at that post, his wife will be among Pittsburghers.

While speaking about what he had seen in Japan, Mr. Davis said yesterday:

"There is so much to be learned that it is strange to us that I hardly know how to begin telling about it. Anyhow, there has been much written about Japan, and I do not think it will matter much if I miss something. The people of course have utterly different customs to ours, and it seems very strange to me when I am assigned to my room in a hotel in Tokyo, and find it to be perfectly empty. Chairs and tables, you understand, are not used. The people sit on the floor and they eat from the floor."

"Other extraordinary things I noticed out there, and which struck me as very odd, were the railroads, the telegraphs, the telephones, and the electric lighting. You think it is very curious, but the people, such peculiar contrast to other civilized nations, should have all the inventions of modern times. And it is not so much that I manipulate things on a better system here, than we do here. All the time I was in Japan, I heard of a single railroad accident. Why? Because trains do not travel faster than 20 miles an hour, pedestrians are not allowed to walk along, or across the tracks, in fact human life is considered of great value there than it is with us."

"The people themselves are very sociable and hospitable. They try to do everything they can to make you feel comfortable, of course all done in their own unique manner, but none the less appreciable. Americans are the most favored of all foreigners in Japan. In fact it is a first-class recommendation for a person to be an American. The country is assisting its progressive civilization. The people are all apt, and anxious to learn the English language and English manners. A good many of our customs are adopted."

"English schools are growing all over the country like mushrooms, and are rapidly filling with pupils. My daughter is here on a vacation, and she will return to Tokyo in about one year."

RAISING THE STREETS.

Allegheny Councils Want to Know How Much the Pennsylvania Company Will Contribute to the Cost.

A joint meeting of the Allegheny Committees on Streets and Sewers, Public Works and Railroads, was held in Select Council chamber last night for the purpose of receiving the report of the City Engineer. The report was read by Mr. J. H. McWilliams, the sub-committee on estimates to change the grade of streets so as to allow them to go over the Port Wayne Railroad tracks. The new plans were exhibited, and the following estimates were given:

Federal street crossing, \$3,014.50; Sandusky street, \$4,600; Anderson street, \$4,622; corner Martin and Craig streets, \$1,871; Coleman street, \$1,871; Federal street widening, \$1,871; Coleman street, \$1,871. Total, \$45,627.80; contingencies, 10 per cent, \$4,562.78; grand total, \$50,190.58. The cost does not include estimates for claims for damages that might arise.

Mr. Wolfel moved that the report be received and the committee discharged. He said the matter is all embodied in a bill to be received by the Legislature, and they could do nothing until that measure was reported. Mr. Cochrane did not want the matter out of his hands.

The report of the sub-committee showed the cost of regrading, repaving, etc., of the streets, alleys and the building of retaining walls and bridges on the Ft. Wayne and West Penn streets. The cost of widening Coleman street, \$1,871; Federal street, \$1,871; Sandusky street, \$4,600; Anderson street, \$4,622; corner Martin and Craig streets, \$1,871; Coleman street, \$1,871. Total, \$45,627.80; contingencies, 10 per cent, \$4,562.78; grand total, \$50,190.58.

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GROUND BY THE GRIP.

Little Two-Year-Old Nellie McGibbon Killed Instantly

ON THE FIFTH AVENUE CABLE ROAD

She Suddenly Ran Right in Front of a Car Going Down Grade.

THE GRIPMAN'S STORY OF THE AFFAIR

The first fatal accident happened on the Fifth Avenue Traction line yesterday afternoon at 4:40 o'clock. Ellen McGibbon, a little daughter of Mr. John McGibbon, 2 years and 5 months old, started to run across the road on Fifth avenue, near Junonville street, and was struck by No. 14, going toward East Liberty, and crushed under the wheels, lying a gasp before dying.

The little child was a daughter of Mr. John McGibbon, a worker at Moench & McLean's Soho mills, who lives in the rear of 481 Forbes street, on "Ann street, with a family of four children—little Lizzie, 7 years of age; Ellen, or Nellie, as she was commonly called, 2 years and 5 months old; little Walter, 3 years old, and a baby in its mother's arms, the mother having been confined to her bed for about 13 months, and is just recovering.

Yesterday Lizzie came home from school, and told the other children she would take them walking. Tying on their bonnets the three started out on their walk. They were on the south side of the street, all holding hands and chatting along in childish glee at a walk with sister.

What followed in better told in the words of Miss Lizzie McGibbon, who is in the employ of Mrs. Minnie Schiller, Fifth avenue, near Junonville street. When seen by a DISPATCH reporter last night, she said:

"About 4:40 o'clock I was standing at the corner of Fifth avenue and Junonville street. Across the street I noticed three little children coming down the street, all holding hands. When about opposite Lingenfeld's new house the largest girl crossed the street, and was waiting for the others to come. The other two stood at the curb. Suddenly one ran to cross the street. Just then I saw a car coming, headed toward the East End."

The gripman pulled his lever, but could not stop the car quick enough, and it struck the little girl, and I saw the car drive up and under the wheels. The child was on the side next to the track, and she was running on, and was so little she probably did not see the oncoming car as she toddled to the middle of the street.

A PHYSICIAN USELESS. When the accident occurred, Dr. J. P. Orr happened to be coming up the street and picked up the child after the car had been backed off, but the little thing only gasped once before expiring. A workman just then rushed out from a house near by and carried the child to the hospital, but little bruised and bleeding body from sight.

When little Lizzie saw what happened, she rushed toward home, and to a neighbor's house, this side, crying "Oh, Mrs. Hoffman, Nellie is under the traction car, with both legs broken, and the bones sticking out."

Hefflin then ran to the scene, and took the child from Dr. Orr's arms and brought it home. Shortly after THIS DISPATCH reporter reached the house, Mrs. McGibbon also arrived, and together the little mangled form was viewed.

The child had golden hair and blue eyes and was partly open, but no look of life being in the face, which looked as if death had been nearly instantaneous. The child's limbs and body were all black and blue and crushed, and three fingers were cut off one hand.

The mother has been sick for weeks, and the child's death has broken her heart. She is now lying in bed, and the mother is leaning against the side of the wall crying for Nellie.

A SISTER'S STORY. Lizzie said to a neighbor last night that she thought that her sister caught her toe in the slot as she went to cross, but it was all so quick that she did not know what happened. The gripman was learned to be Mr. John Packard, and the conductor Mr. James McMaher. The gripman ran the car to East Liberty, and on his return to Oakland gave himself up to Special Officer James McLaughlin, and was lodged in the Fourteenth ward police station, awaiting the action of the Coroner.

Gripman Packard was released from jail about 9:30 o'clock by Coroner McLaughlin. Chief Engineer Davis of the company went to his bail and put up a bond of \$2,000 for Packard's appearance at the Coroner's hearing to-morrow morning.

HE TELLS HIS SIDE. While on the way from the Fourteenth ward station house to the Central station in charge of lieutenant William McLaughlin, Packard was interviewed by a DISPATCH reporter. He looked and felt very badly over the accident, and said that he did not know what happened. He said that he was coming down the Soho hill just east of Glad street, and when nearing the corner of Junonville street I noticed the little girl kind of standing in the gutter. She seemed to be motionless, and I did not think anything of her at first.

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